

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The biaxial hinge according to ~~Claim 1~~Claim 9, wherein one of a coil spring, a coned disk spring, a corrugated leaf spring, and a thin leaf spring is employed as the elastic body.

5. (Currently Amended) The biaxial hinge according to ~~Claim 1~~Claim 9, wherein a through-hole is provided in a center of the rotating shaft member.

6. (Currently Amended) The biaxial hinge according to ~~Claim 1~~Claim 9, wherein a rotation stopper mechanism to restrict a rotational range between ~~the rotating shaft support member or~~ the rotating shaft member and the rotation-side member is provided.

7. (Currently Amended) The biaxial hinge according to ~~Claim 1~~Claim 9, wherein the opening/closing torque unit mechanism for opening and closing operations is assembled as an independent unit, a click generating mechanism that incorporates a cam or a stopper to limit an opening/ closing angle is installed beforehand in said opening/closing torque unit mechanism, and the opening/closing torque unit mechanism is fitted to the rotation-side member.

8. (Currently Amended) A portable telephone ~~An electronic device~~ equipped with the biaxial hinge according to ~~Claim 1~~Claim 9.

9. (New) A biaxial hinge of a biaxial structure having a rotating shaft and an opening/closing shaft, in which a rotating shaft member is fixed to a rotating shaft support member, the biaxial hinge has a sliding member disposed so as to rotate synchronously with the rotating shaft member, a rotation-side member which rotates around the rotating shaft member, two grooves which are formed on one side of the sliding member facing the rotation-side member, two guide members are fixed to the rotation-side member to accommodate two pressing members, respectively, therein and guide movements of the respective two pressing members and two elastic bodies which independently press the respective two pressing members, and an opening/closing torque unit mechanism with an opening/closing shaft for opening and closing operations to be perpendicular to the rotating shaft member is disposed at either the left or the right of said rotation-side member.

10. (New) The biaxial hinge according to Claim 9, wherein two holes are provided in said rotation-side member and the elastic bodies are embedded in the respective holes.

11. (New) The biaxial hinge according to Claim 9, wherein the pressing members each have a protruding section on a surface thereof that contacts said elastic body.

12. (New) The biaxial hinge according to Claim 9, wherein the pressing members are substantially spherical at their surfaces facing the grooves.

13. (New) The biaxial hinge according to Claim 9, wherein the pressing members are cylindrical.

14. (New) The biaxial hinge according to Claim 9,
wherein the rotating shaft support member and the sliding
member are closely fixed to the rotating shaft member.